Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Kammalas are not caste Hindus.

(*b*) The member is referred to page 130 of the Travancore Census Report 1931, Part II.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: What are the communities that are classed as caste Hindus?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I cannot give an exhaustive list now; but I can give a few, for example the Brahmin, the Nayar, the Ambalavasi and the Kshatriya are caste Hindus.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether the Government accept the existence of those two sections, caste Hindus and non-caste Hindus, among the Hindu population of the State?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There was a previous question on this matter, and the member was then referred to the Census Report.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: What is the basis on which this classification, as caste Hindu and non-caste Hindu, is made?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is explained in the Census Report, Sir.

Parur-Kuriapalli road.

120. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Parur-Kuriapalli road;

(*b*) whether the raising of the level of that road has been sanctioned, and, if so, when it was sanctioned and what action has been taken by the Government in the matter; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the present condition of the road is unsafe and unfit for travel?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) 3 miles and 1700 feet long.

(*b*) An estimate for raising the whole length of the road is under the consideration of Government. But an estimate was sanctioned in February 1935 for raising the first 2½ miles of the road and the work is in progress

(*c*) Pedestrians are using the road, though it is unfit for cart traffic.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know what will be the total amount necessary for raising the level of the road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Rs. 31,410.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the number of culverts on that road?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I claim notice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is the Chief Engineer aware that, between two culverts which are only about half a furlong apart, the level of the road is more than about 7 feet below the level of the culvert?

President : That is nothing very uncommon in Travancore (*Laughter.*)

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : The students of the locality are experiencing very great difficulty on account of the ascent. It is also very dangerous.

President : What is your point, exactly? You want the level of the road to be raised as early as possible?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Metalling the W. F. road from the 8th to the 16th mile.

121. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the W. F. road from the 8th to the 16th mile from Muvattupuzha still remains unmetalled ;

(*b*) when the W. F. road as far as the 8th mile was metalled ;

(*c*) whether there is not great cart traffic throughout the W. F. road ; and

(*d*) what will be the total amount realised from the Mamala chowkey at the extremity of the W. F. road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) The 8th mile has been metalled. The rest of the road from the 9th to the 16th mile remains unmetalled.

(*b*) 8th mile was metalled in 1110. The exact date when the other portion was metalled is not known.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Customs duty collected during the last five years is given below :

	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1105	69,271	13	7
1106	80,195	26	4
1107	54;652	13	12
1108	59,093	3	2
1109	59,625	17	7

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*d*), may I know whether the Government will take up the metalling of the whole road as early as possible?

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